

# **USS Constitution Departs Baltimore Navy Week**

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BALTIMORE – Sailors assigned to USS Constitution ended their participation in Baltimore Navy Week Sept. 4.

Sailors began Aug. 28 performing boarding pike and War of 1812 era gun drills using a 24-pound naval long gun at USS Constellation's pier. They also performed color guard ceremonies, including one at a Baltimore Orioles game, and participated in community outreach projects.

“Baltimore Navy Week has been a wonderful way to join two communities who share a common love for the Navy and warships,” said Savage, executive officer of Constitution. “Along the way our Sailors have met many wonderful Baltimoreans, including veterans from World War II and the Korean War.”

Sailors met with former military members at a veterans affairs hospital, served food at a soup kitchen and helped transform a vacant lot into a garden. They also participated in giving 60 Navy ballcaps to children dealing with lifelong or long-term health issues during a Caps for Kids visit at Mt. Washington Hospital.

“After this trip I feel a new sense of pride,” said Airman Matthew DeAngelo, Constitution. “We are here for a reason. It is important that the people of America know what the Navy is about, and it is evident that our presence was appreciated.”

Navy Counselor 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Melissa Santiago, Logistics Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Stuart Macgillivray, Airman Bryan Pickett, Airman Michael Moore, Airman Tracy Stephens, Seaman Lance Devero and Yeoman Seaman Alexis Condon also represented Constitution during Baltimore Navy Week.

This is the fourth Navy Week Constitution Sailors participated in this year. They performed similar activities during Des Moines Navy Week, April 19-24; Spokane Navy Week, May 10-15; and Boston Navy Week, June 30-July 5.

Baltimore is one of 20 Navy Weeks planned across America for 2010. Navy Weeks show Americans the investment they have made in their Navy and increase awareness in cities

that do not have a significant Navy presence.

“As Sailors, our goal is to be leaders within our country, our community and our United States Navy,” said Rear Adm. Scott A. Weikert, deputy commander of 1st Naval Construction Division in Norfolk. “Baltimore Navy Week 2010 was the time to shine that leadership, and I am proud of how bright the Sailors have made Baltimore this week.”

Constitution is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston. She is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat and welcomes more than 500,000 visitors a year.

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